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REMARKS

Claims

The Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner allowed Claims 5, 8, 9, and 13-30.

The Applicants amend Claims 6, 7, and 10 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. The Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 6, 7, and 10–12 are now allowable.

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

In the June 4, 2004, Response and Amendment, the Applicants presented a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that listed documents 1–13. The Examiner acknowledged only documents 10–13 in this IDS.

The Applicants are re-submitting an IDS listing documents 1-9 for the Examiner's consideration and acknowledgment. Please note that, of the original nine documents, the Examiner has cited Reference No. 6 (U.S. Patent No. 5,392,557) and Reference No. 8 (U.S. Patent No. 5,606,820). We continue to include these references on the IDS for consistency in the numbering.

The Applicants paid the IDS fee when these sheets were originally submitted on June 4, 2004. As such, the Applicants do not consider any additional fee to be due.

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The Applicants are submitting this Response and Amendment, along with the appropriate Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, and paying the required fees by credit card. If the Office determines that additional fees are required, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0332 accordingly.

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